## Exhibit G

October 30, 2021

Dear Honorable Judge Komitee,

My name is Suneel Chakravorty. I am not a party to this case, nor am I an attorney. I am defendant Keith Raniere's power of attorney.

The plaintiffs' attorney, Neil Glazer referred to me in a status conference on October 15 (Dkt. 92) and his letter to the Court dated October 29 (Dkt. 100), requesting a non-party subpoena be served upon me.

I respectfully submit this letter to your Honor in response to some of Mr. Glazer's comments.

First and foremost, I am not in possession, nor have I ever been, of any hard drive, or copy thereof, from the criminal case. By now, Honorable Judge Garaufis's inquiry has likely confirmed this. I do not possess any DOS collateral, nor do I possess or have I ever seen any nude photographs of Camila, one of the plaintiffs in the case before you.

To my knowledge, I possess no evidence that has any relevance to this civil litigation.

I do possess redacted nude photos [where the breasts and genitals are blurred] of a 27-year-old Camila, taken in 2017, which contain no visible appendectomy scar. The original, unredacted version of the photos, which I do not possess, were not collateral.

I was informed that these photos were voluntarily and happily taken by the founding sisters of DOS as a ritual before meetings and were not meant for anyone to use as collateral.

The purpose of the redacted photos is to possibly be used as evidence in the criminal proceeding of the USA v Raniere, to show that the prosecution's determining the age of the subject in the photos based on the lack of an appendectomy scar is not dispositive, and the redacted photos are not to be otherwise disseminated. I would be glad to submit these redacted photos to the Court, *ex parte* and under seal.

As Mr. Raniere's power of attorney, I have referred cyber forensics experts to his criminal counsel to investigate his allegation that the FBI falsified and tampered with evidence. These experts signed a Protective Order and had access to protected discovery materials. The experts include the following:

Dr. James Richard Kiper, Ph.D., who served in the FBI for twenty years and retired in 2019, in good standing. He is a celebrated whistleblower and the "raison d'etre" of the FBI Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2016.

Mr. Steve Abrams, M.S., J.D., who has advised and trained federal, state and local law enforcement in cyber forensics for three decades, on over 1,200 cases.

Mr. Wayne Norris, who has been an expert witness in roughly 100 cases, holds several patents in nuclear instrumentation, and has a diverse technical background, from working on the Apollo project, to project managing for the US Navy, to digital forensics.

These experts have stated that prior to this case, they had never before seen or claimed to have seen credible evidence of tampering on the part of any law enforcement. After examining the forensic evidence, they issued reports which may be used in a motion in the criminal case, and here are some of their findings:

- FBI Senior Forensic Examiner Brian Booth provided false testimony.
- An unknown person improperly accessed and altered data on the camera card on 9/19/18.
- Photos were added to the camera card while the device was in FBI custody, between 4/11/19 and 6/11/19.
- Date and times of photos on the hard drive were manually altered.
- Folder names were manually set to exact dates and times in 2005, to corroborate the fabricated photo dates.
- The backup folder on the hard drive containing the photos was backdated and manually placed on the hard drive and efforts were made to conceal the forgery and make it look like a legitimate automatic computer backup.

Dr. Kiper writes in his technical report, "In my 20 years as an FBI agent, I have never observed or claimed that an FBI employee tampered with evidence, digital or otherwise. But in this case, I strongly believe the multiple, intentional alterations to the digital information I have discovered constitute evidence manipulation. And when so many human-generated alterations happen to align with the government's narrative, I believe any reasonable person would conclude that evidence tampering had taken place. My analysis demonstrates that some of these alterations definitely took place while the devices were in the custody of the FBI. Therefore, in the absence of any other plausible explanation it is my expert opinion that the FBI must have been involved in this evidence tampering."

Mr. Abrams writes, "[1]t saddens me to conclude that the most plausible explanation for these artifacts is manual alteration of the digital photographic and file system evidence and an unsuccessful attempt to cover that manual alteration, at least some of which had to have occurred while the evidence was in the custody of the FBI."

Mr. Norris writes, "I believe based on what I have reviewed that Dr. Kiper is correct in his assessments that no plausible explanation exists for the anomalies in the Government's exhibits other than intentional tampering on the part of the Government."

I hope that the above information assuages Mr. Glazer's concerns and provides this Court with useful context.

Sincerely,

Suneel Chakravorty

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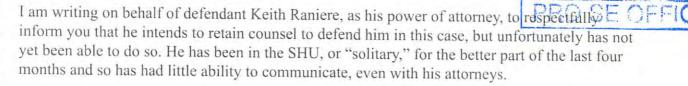
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## Exhibit H

November 28, 2021

Dear Honorable Judge Komitee.



Although there will be no attorney appearing for him in this week's status hearing, I will request a transcript of the hearing and have Mr. Raniere's criminal attorney send it to him, so he can remain as up to date as possible.

Should this Court require proof of my Power of Attorney, I would be happy to submit it under seal and ex parte.

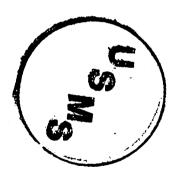
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## Exhibit I

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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9 Keith Raniere,
No. CV 22-00212-TUC-RCC
10 Plaintiff,
11 v.
ORDER
12 Merrick Garland, et al.,
13 Defendants.

On May 5, 2022, Plaintiff Keith Raniere, who is currently confined in the United States Penitentiary (USP)-Tucson and is represented by counsel, filed a civil rights Complaint pursuant to *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971) against United States Attorney General Merrick Garland, Bureau of Prisons (BOP) Director Michael Carvajal, USP-Tucson Warden Barbara Von Blanckensee, and Lieutenant Anthony Gallion. Plaintiff also paid the filing fee. On May 6, 2022, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint seeking declaratory and injunctive relief to enjoin "prison officials from retaliating, and from actively frustrating and impeding his First and Sixth Amendment rights to access to the courts and counsel." (Doc. 3 at 1.)

On May 26, 2022, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Preliminary Injunction and requested expedited consideration and a hearing. (Doc. 7.) Plaintiff states in his Motion that his three-year deadline for post-conviction relief based on newly discovered evidence is June 19, 2022 and that Defendants are "unlawfully hindering and obstructing Plaintiff's First and Sixth Amendment rights to communicate via telephone with his criminal defense

attorneys and his attorneys' agents in the lead-up to the 3-year deadline . . . ." (Id. at 1.) On May 31, 2022, the Court determined that Plaintiff did not meet the standard for an ex parte temporary restraining order and ordered Plaintiff to immediately serve Defendants with the First Amended Complaint and Motion for Preliminary Injunction given the imminent deadline for Plaintiff's post-conviction relief filing. (Doc. 9.) Defendants filed an expedited Response to the Motion on June 9, 2022, and Plaintiff filed a Reply on June 10. (Docs. 14, 15.) Meanwhile, on June 7, 2022, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and requested expedited consideration of that motion and a hearing. (Doc. 13.) The Motion for TRO seeks "an urgent injunction reinstating communication with Mr. Suneel Chakravorty, who is Plaintiff's Power-of-Attorney and a paralegal to Plaintiff's post-conviction attorneys." (Id. at 1.) Plaintiff states that Defendants "have actual notice of the Complaint and Motion" and "additional notice should not be required because it is apparent that Defendants intend to delay their response until the harm has been done and the F.R.Crim.P. Rule 33 deadline has passed." (Id. at 3.) Defendants filed an expedited response on June 14, 2022. (Doc. 17.) To date, Plaintiff has not filed a Reply.<sup>2</sup>

The Court finds Plaintiff's Motions suitable for disposition without a hearing pursuant to Local Rule of Civil Procedure 7.2(f) and will deny the Motions.

### I. Background

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Plaintiff alleges the following in his First Amended Complaint. Plaintiff is serving a 120-year prison sentence for, among other things, child sexual exploitation and possession of child pornography. (Doc. 3 ¶ 11.) On April 28, 2022, Plaintiff's criminal defense attorney Joseph Tully filed a motion to stay an appeal in the Second Circuit Court

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 33, *New Trial*, requires that "[a]ny motion for a new trial grounded on newly discovered evidence must be filed within 3 years after the verdict or finding of guilty. If an appeal is pending, the court may not grant a motion for a new trial until the appellate court remands the case." Fed. R. Crim. P. 33(b)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Because Plaintiff's Motion for TRO addresses the exact same issue as his Motion for Preliminary Injunction, and because Plaintiff apparently wants a ruling on both Motions before June 19, 2022, the Court need not await Plaintiff's Reply to rule on the Motion for TRO.

of Appeals because he intended to file a motion for new trial in the district court based on newly discovered evidence in the form of three experts' reports concluding the FBI had falsified and tampered with evidence and federal agents had committed perjury relevant to Plaintiff's child pornography and sexual exploitation convictions. (*Id.* ¶ 15.)

On May 2, 2021, Suneel Chakravorty, who is Plaintiff's power-of-attorney and "an agent of Plaintiff's criminal defense attorney Joseph Tully," was visiting Plaintiff, and the visit was terminated, and Mr. Chakravorty's visitation privileges were permanently revoked by Defendant Von Blanckensee. (*Id.* ¶¶ 13, 26.)

On May 3, 2022, criminal defense attorney Tully filed the aforementioned motion for new trial pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 33 in the district court. (*Id.* ¶ 17.) On May 4, 2022, Plaintiff was on a privileged legal call with Tully, and the call was terminated prematurely and without warning. (Id. ¶ 18.) Mr. Tully aniticiaptes that the district court in New York will hold a hearing on the Rule 33 petition, and he needs to consult with Plaintiff to prepare for the hearing. (Id. ¶ 19.) Shortly after the May 4 call was terminated, Plaintiff was instructed to go to an administrative office, where Defendant Gallion, whom Plaintiff believes is with BOP's Special Investigative Services (SIS), asked Plaintiff about certain individuals who were on Plaintiff's approved telephone and visitation list. (Id. ¶¶ 20, 23.) Many of the individuals on the list were attorneys or "attorney's agents," such as Mr. Chakravorty. (Id. ¶ 23.) Defendant Gallion "made the affirmative decision to 'scrub' Plaintiff's approved callers and visitors list" and told Plaintiff he would have to apply to a unit manager to have anyone re-approved, and it was unlikely Mr. Chakravorty would be approved. (*Id.* ¶ 25.) When Plaintiff asked Defendant Gallion why this was being done, Gallion only told him, "there was an investigation." (Id. ¶¶ 27, 28.) On May 6, Defendants "interfered and frustrated" a confidential legal call

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between Plaintiff and attorney Joseph Daugherty by "causing the phone call to be cut off" before Plaintiff and the attorney had concluded the conversation. (*Id.*  $\P$  29.)

Count One alleges a violation of Plaintiff's First Amendment right of access to the courts based on Defendants' interference with Plaintiff's right to communicate with his attorneys and their agents. Count Two alleges a First Amendment retaliation claim based on Defendants "imminently threatening to cut off Plaintiff's telephonic and in-person communication with his attorneys" the day after his criminal defense attorney filed the Rule 33 motion for new trial. Count Three alleges a violation of Plaintiff's Sixth Amendment rights based on Defendants' deliberate interference to the confidential relationship between Plaintiff and his criminal defense attorney, which "substantially prejudices" Plaintiff by preventing him from helping prepare his attorney for the hearing on the motion and preventing his attorney from providing effective assistance of counsel. Plaintiff seeks declaratory and injunctive relief prohibiting Defendants from impeding him from communicating with his attorneys and their agents either by telephone or in person.

On screening Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a), the Court required Plaintiff to serve Defendants and required Defendants to answer. (Doc. 5.)

## **II.** Motion for Preliminary Injunction

#### A. Plaintiff's Motion and Evidence

In his Motion filed on May 26, 2022, Plaintiff seeks an urgent injunction reinstating communications with Suneel Chakravorty, "who is Plaintiff's Power-of-Attorney and a paralegal to Plaintiff's post-conviction attorneys" in advance of the "3-year deadline for post-conviction relief petitions based on newly discovered evidence on June 19, 2022." (Doc. 7 at 1.) Plaintiff asserts that his legal team has communicated regularly with Plaintiff since January 2021, but Mr. Chakravorty's in-person visitation privileges were revoked without explanation on May 2, 2021, meaning Plaintiff could only speak with Mr. Chakravorty on a recorded, non-privileged telephone line. (*Id.* at 2.) Despite this hindrance, Plaintiff states that Mr. Chakravorty hired the criminal defense firm of Tully & Weiss, and Mr. Chakravorty serves "a central role in the communications between and

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within the legal team." (*Id.*) Because Mr. Chakravorty may only use a non-confidential phone line when speaking with Plaintiff, "any conversation they wished to remain private had to be arranged directly with the attorneys," which has hindered Plaintiff's lawyers "in their representation just as the deadline for post-conviction relief based on newly discovered evidence is expiring." (*Id.* at 2-3.)

In support of his Motion, Plaintiff presents an Affidavit by Mr. Chakravorty, who asserts that he has a background in computer technology, he attended every day of Plaintiff's trial in 2019, and he was not a witness, co-conspirator, or co-defendant in Plaintiff's criminal case in New York. (Doc. 7-1 at 2.) Mr. Chakravorty asserts that Plaintiff founded an organization called NXIVM in 1998, but NXIVM had no members, and "consisted of companies that offered self-development courses to over 17,000 students." (Id. at 6.) Mr. Chakravorty took courses from NXIVM-affiliated companies, but he was not a member and was never identified during Plaintiff's criminal trial as a member of NXIVM's "inner circle." (Id. at 6-7.) Mr. Chakravorty met with Plaintiff after the trial and told Plaintiff he thought the government's expert witness "misrepresented the reliability of the digital evidence" presented at trial. (*Id.* at 2-3.) Mr. Chakravorty asserts that, in January 2021, he signed a contract to act as Power of Attorney for Plaintiff, and in that role, Mr. Chakravorty retained experts to analyze the government experts' information and findings. (*Id.* at 4.) Mr. Chakravorty asserts that, as Power of Attorney, he "stand[s] in Plaintiff's shoes in various matters and can legally make decisions as though [he] were [Plaintiff]" and that he "cannot conduct these duties ethically without regularly communicating with [Plaintiff]." (Id.) Mr. Chakravorty asserts that the findings of the experts convinced attorney Tully to file a Rule 33 motion to reopen Plaintiff's criminal case, and that he "act[s] as a paralegal to attorney Tully for the purposes of the Rule 33 petition." (Id.) According to Mr. Chakravorty, his role "evolved into paralegal and manager of the legal team" working to overturn Plaintiff's conviction, and Mr. Chakravorty has retained and discharged members of Plaintiff's legal team as circumstances warranted. (Id.) Mr. Chakravorty maintains that his knowledge of the facts of the case and expertise

in data analysis allow him to translate concepts and streamline communication between Plaintiff, the computer forensics experts, and the legal team, and that he must have regular communication with Plaintiff before the June 19, 2022, deadline for Rule 33 motions. (*Id.*)

### B. Defendants' Response and Evidence

## 1. Plaintiff's Ongoing Criminal Proceedings

On April 29, 2022, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals denied Plaintiff's April 28, 2022 motion to stay his criminal appeal pending a Rule 33 motion. (Doc. 14 at 8-9; Ex. G (Doc. 193 in *Raniere v. United States*, Case 20-3789 (2nd Cir. April 29, 2022).) On May 9, 2022, the New York District Court deferred consideration of Plaintiff's Rule 33 Motion due to the ongoing appeal. (*Id.*, citing May 9, 2022 order in *United States v. Raniere*, Case No. 1:18-cr-00204-NGG-VMS (E.D.N.Y. May 9, 2022).) According to Defendants, there is no hearing imminent, and Plaintiff neglected to mention this in his Motion for Preliminary Injunction, filed 17 days after the New York District Court issued its Order deferring the Rule 33 Motion. (Doc. 14 at 9.)

Defendants' evidence shows that Plaintiff was convicted by a jury on June 19, 2019, of Racketeering, Racketeering Conspiracy, Forced Labor Conspiracy, Wire Fraud Conspiracy, Sex Trafficking, Attempted Sex Trafficking, and Sex Trafficking Conspiracy. (Doc. 14 at 1; Ex. A ¶ 4, Attach. 1 at 2-4 and Attach. 2 at 1-4, 12.) Prior to Plaintiff's sentencing, the government informed the judge that Plaintiff continued to regularly contact people affiliated with NXIVM, including Mr. Suneel Chakravorty. (Doc. 14 at 2, citing Doc. 914 in *United States v. Raniere*, Case No. 1:18-cr-00204-NGG-VMS (E.D.N.Y. Aug. 27, 2020) and Ex. B.) The government represented that, in July 2020, the BOP suspended calls between Plaintiff and Mr. Chakravorty, and Plaintiff thereafter entered an individual by the name of "Issac Edwards" to his contact list; the address Plaintiff provided for Issac Edwards was fabricated, the phone number belonged to a burner phone, and Issac Edwards turned out to be Mr. Chakravorty. (*Id.* at 3, citing Doc. 914 at 56 n.14 in *United States v. Raniere*, Case No. 1:18-cr-00204-NGG-VMS.) At Plaintiff's sentencing on October 27, 2020, the sentencing judge ordered that Plaintiff "shall not associate in person, through

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mail, electronic mail or telephone with any individual with an affiliation to Executive Success Programs, Nxivm, DOS or any other Nxivm-affiliated organizations." (Doc. 14 at 1-2; Ex. A, Attach. 2 at 9.)

### 2. BOP Regulations and Policies

Defendants cite the following regulations and BOP Policies addressing visitors and telephone privileges at BOP facilities. (Doc. 14 at 5.) Visiting privileges are extended to friends and associates "having an established relationship with the inmate prior to confinement, unless such visits could reasonably create a threat to the security and good order of the institution." 28 C.F.R. § 540.44(c). An exception is made for prisoners without other visitors if it "is shown that the proposed visitor is reliable and poses no threat to the security or good order of the institution." (*Id.*) The Warden may limit or deny the use of TRULINCS to a prisoner, and prisoners may be subject to telephone restrictions imposed by the Warden "to protect the safety security and good order of the institution, as well as to protect the public." Program Statement (P.S.) 4500.12 and P.S. 5264.08.

The BOP recognizes the use of assistants by attorneys to perform legal tasks and, with proper controls and exceptions enumerated . . . accords such assistants the same status as attorneys with respect to visiting and correspondence." 28 C.F.R. § 543.16(a). "The special visiting/correspondence status accorded to paralegals, clerks, and legal assistants depends on an ongoing, supervisory relationship with an attorney on an approved visiting/correspondence list. Absent any current supervisor relationship, such persons may only receive social visiting or general correspondence privileges." P.S. 1315.07. An attorney who employs an assistant whom the attorney wants to visit or correspond with a prisoner must provide the Warden with a signed statement certifying the assistant's ability, that the attorney pledges to supervise the assistant's activities, and the attorney accepts personal and professional responsibility for the assistant's activities that may affect the institution, prisoners, and staff. 28 C.F.R. § 543.16(b)(1)-(3). The Warden may require the assistant to fill out and sign a personal history statement and pledge to abide by BOP regulations and institution guidelines, and the Warden may prohibit a legal assistant from

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visiting or corresponding with a prisoner if necessary to maintain security and good order in the institution. *Id.* The Warden may also require each paralegal, clerk, or legal assistant to complete a BP-S243.013 application and the BP-S242.013 Paralegal or Legal Assistant Agreement form. P.S. 1315.07.

## 3. Relationship Between Mr. Chakravorty and Plaintiff

In October 2020, Mr. Chakravorty admitted to the New York District Court that his first conversation with Plaintiff was after Plaintiff's trial, when Plaintiff was already in prison, and prior to that time, "he and I were complete strangers." (Doc. 14 at 6; Ex. D ¶ 5, Attach. 5 at 1.) Mr. Chakravorty detailed his involvement with NXIVM, as a coach for the Executive Success Programs (ESP) and NXIVM, and his decision to "stay involved even during an international media storm," and he stated that ESP "did not seem like a sinister organization" and that is why he chose to continue as a coach until the companies closed in May 2018. (*Id.*, Ex. D, Attach. 5 at 2-4.)

As early as July 2020, the BOP determined that Plaintiff and Mr. Chakravorty were engaging in behavior that compromised the security of the facility where Plaintiff was being held. (*Id.* at 3; Ex. D ¶ 5 and Attach. 2.) Plaintiff and Mr. Chakravorty were recording prison-initiated telephone calls to use in podcasts and interviews Plaintiff was pursuing with HBO, Netflix, and Showtime. (*Id.*) They were also organizing a group of women to show up at the prison and dance provocatively in view of prisoners, which led to Plaintiff being moved to another housing unit, and Plaintiff gave Mr. Chakravorty staff work schedules and indicated that protesters on Plaintiff's behalf should wait outside for staff and offer them donuts and coffee as they exited the facility. (*Id.*) The Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU) concluded that Plaintiff's manipulative behavior, through the help of Mr. Chakravorty, "would place the safety and security of staff and the public at risk," and recommended that Mr. Chakravorty be removed as one of Plaintiff's approved contacts. (*Id.*) The Warden agreed, and Mr. Chakravorty was removed from Plaintiff's approved contact list. (Id.; Ex. D ¶ 8, Attach 3 at 1.)

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In an October 30, 2021 letter, which was not on an attorney's letterhead, Mr. Chakravorty wrote to the court presiding over a civil action against Plaintiff that he was "not a party to this case, nor am I an attorney. I am defendant Keith Raniere's power of attorney," and, as Plaintiff's power of attorney he had "referred cyber forensics experts to his criminal counsel." (*Id.* at 4; Ex. F (Doc. 121 in *Edmonson v. Raniere*, Case 1:20-cv-00485-EK-CLP (E.D.N.Y.).) In a November 28, 2021 letter to that same court, which is also not on an attorney's letterhead, Chakravorty again identified himself as holding Plaintiff's power of attorney, not as a paralegal working for Plaintiff's attorney. (*Id.*; Ex. E.)

In early May 2022, the USP-Tucson Special Investigative Services (SIS) Department was monitoring telephone calls between Plaintiff and Mr. Chakravorty in which they spoke about being "at war" with the federal government with "no holds barred." (Id. at 7; Ex. D.) Even more concerning to the SIS was Plaintiff asking Mr. Chakravorty about the quality of the recordings and stating that he had many recordings. (Id.) On May 3, 2022, as a result of the SIS Department's findings and in consultation with the BOP's Counter-Terrorism Unit, the USP-Tucson Warden imposed limitations on Plaintiff's contact list, limiting Plaintiff to 10 active contacts, not including counsel, and all contacts were removed from Plaintiff's list except Marianna Fernandez and 9 verified attorneys. (Id.; Ex. D, Attach 8.) If Plaintiff wants to add more contacts in the future, the SIS Department will review the individuals as part of the approval process. (*Id.*; Ex. D ¶ 18.) As of May 31, 2022, Plaintiff had not requested that additional individuals be added to his approved contact list. (Id.; Ex. D ¶ 18.) According to Acting SIA Gallion, all recommendations and determinations "were made for the safety, security and good order of the institution and not in any way to hinder Plaintiff's legal efforts." (Id. at 8; Ex. D ¶ 19.)

Plaintiff may still access his attorneys through confidential legal mail, legal calls, and legal visits, and Plaintiff has had frequent legal visits. (Id.; Ex. D ¶ 17; Ex. A ¶ 15.) . . . .

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## 4. Plaintiff's Legal Calls

When an attorney requests a legal call with a prisoner, the prisoner's correctional counselor ensures the attorney is licensed and in good standing. (Doc. 14 at 9; Ex. A  $\P$  9.) Legal calls in a housing unit take place in the counselor's office and the counselor facilitates the call. (*Id.*) The legal calls are not recorded or monitored, and the staff member only remains in the office until the connection is made with the prisoner's attorney or appropriate staff; the counselor leaves the room once the connection is made and visually monitors the prisoner from outside the room but cannot hear the content of the legal call. (*Id.*)

Plaintiff's legal calls are coordinated within these normal procedures, and he has not been targeted for any restrictions on his ability to have legal phone calls. (Id.; Ex. A ¶ 10.) Plaintiff's counselor keeps a log of his legal calls, and as of May 31, 2022, the log shows 32 legal calls facilitated by Plaintiff's counselor since October 4, 2021, with most calls lasting an hour. (Id.; Ex. A ¶ 11.) The log shows a call on May 4, 2022, between Plaintiff and Joseph Tully, which lasted an hour. (Id.) That call was disconnected. (Id.) If a call is disconnected, the counselor attempts to reestablish the call. (Id.; Ex. A ¶ 12.) In addition, another counselor, Ashworth, placed 16 legal calls to Plaintiff's attorneys between January 5, 2022 and May 27, 2022, with most calls lasting an hour; one call lasted two hours and, another call lasted 35-minutes. (Id.; Ex. A ¶ 13, Attach 4.) On May 6, 2022, Case Manager Watson facilitated a call between Plaintiff and Mr. Daugherty. (Id.; Ex. H ¶ 5.) The connection was lost during the call, and Watson called Mr. Daugherty back, and the legal call resumed without further incident.

## III. Legal Standards

### A. Injunctive Relief

"A preliminary injunction is 'an extraordinary and drastic remedy, one that should not be granted unless the movant, by a clear showing, carries the burden of persuasion." Lopez v. Brewer, 680 F.3d 1068, 1072 (9th Cir. 2012) (quoting Mazurek v. Armstrong, 520 U.S. 968, 972 (1997) (per curiam)); see also Winter v. Natural Res. Def. Council, Inc., 555

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U.S. 7, 24 (2008) (citation omitted) ("[a] preliminary injunction is an extraordinary remedy never awarded as of right"). Nonetheless, "federal courts must not shrink from their obligation to enforce the constitutional rights of all persons, including prisoners" and must not "allow constitutional violations to continue simply because a remedy would involve intrusion into the realm of prison administration." *Porretti v. Dzurenda*, 11 F.4th 1037, 1047 (9th Cir. 2021) (citation omitted).

A plaintiff seeking injunctive relief under Rule 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure must show: (1) he is likely to succeed on the merits; (2) he is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of injunctive relief; (3) the balance of equities tips in his favor; and (4) an injunction is in the public interest. Winter v. Natural Res. Def. Council, Inc., 555 U.S. 7, 20 (2008). When the government opposes a preliminary injunction, "[t]he third and fourth factors of the preliminary-injunction test—balance of equities and public interest—merge into one inquiry." Porretti, 11 F.4th at 1047. The "balance of equities" concerns the burdens or hardships to a prisoner complainant compared with the burden on the government defendants if an injunction is ordered. Id. The public interest mostly concerns the injunction's impact on nonparties rather than parties. Id. (citation omitted). Regardless, "[i]t is always in the public interest to prevent the violation of a party's constitutional rights." Id. (citation omitted).

Where a plaintiff seeks a mandatory injunction, rather than a prohibitory injunction, injunctive relief is "subject to a higher standard" and is "permissible when 'extreme or very serious damage will result' that is not 'capable of compensation in damages,' and the merits of the case are not 'doubtful." *Hernandez v. Sessions*, 872 F.3d 976, 999 (9th Cir. 2017) (quoting *Marlyn Nutraceuticals, Inc. v. Mucos Pharma GmbH & Co.*, 571 F.3d 873, 879 (9th Cir. 2009)). Further, under the Prison Litigation Reform Act, injunctive relief must be narrowly drawn and be the least intrusive means necessary to correct the harm. 18 U.S.C. § 3626(a)(2); see Gilmore v. People of the State of Cal., 220 F.3d 987, 999 (9th Cir. 2000).

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## **B.** First Amendment (Access to the Courts)

There are two types of access-to-court claims: those concerning a prisoner's right to affirmative assistance in challenging their sentences or conditions of their confinement and those, like the instant action, concerning a prisoner's right to litigate without active interference. *Silva v. Di Vittorio*, 658 F.3d 1090, 1102 (9th Cir. 2011), *overruled on other grounds by Richey v. Dahne*, 807 F.3d 1202, 1209 n.2 (9th Cir. 2015).

In this second line of cases, the right of meaningful access to the courts prohibits officials from actively interfering with prisoners' attempts to prepare or file legal documents in all types of civil proceedings so long as those proceedings have a reasonable basis in law or fact. *See Blaisdell v. Frappiea*, 729 F.3d 1237, 1243 (9th Cir. 2013) ("by virtue of their broader right to petition the government for a redress of [their] grievances under the First Amendment, prisoners must also have opportunities to pursue certain other types of civil litigation") (internal quotations and citations omitted).

Regardless of which type of claim is alleged, to prevail on an access-to-court claim, a plaintiff must show: "(1) the loss of a "nonfrivolous" or "arguable" underlying claim; (2) the official acts frustrating the litigation; and (3) a remedy that may be awarded as recompense but that is not otherwise available in a future suit." *Phillips v. Hust*, 477 F.3d 1070, 1076 (9th Cir. 2007) (citing *Christopher*, 536 at 416), *vacated on other grounds* 555 U.S. 1150 (2009).

The Ninth Circuit has held that "[t]he opportunity to communicate privately with an attorney is an important part" of meaningful access to the courts; thus, "a prisoner's right of access to the courts includes contact visitation with his counsel." *Ching v. Lewis*, 895 F.2d 608, 609–10 (9th Cir. 1990). The Ninth Circuit has also held that a prisoner may be deprived of access to the court if he is denied telephone access to his attorney absent a legitimate penological reason. *Barnett v. Centoni*, 31 F.3d 813, 816 (9th Cir. 1994). And it is well established that prisoners have a constitutional right to send legal mail, and prison officials cannot take any actions that delay the mailing of legal mail. *See Houston v. Lack*,

487 U.S. 266, 270–76 (1988) (prison officials cannot take actions that delay mailing of prisoner's legal papers when such a delay effectively denies access to the courts).

## C. Sixth Amendment (Right to Counsel)

The Sixth Amendment guarantees a criminal defendant the right to counsel, and this right extends to the first appeal of right. U.S. Const. amend. VI; *Pennsylvania v. Finley*, 481 U.S. 551, 555 (1987). Courts have long recognized that the right to counsel embodies a right to confidential communication between a defendant and his attorney. *See Hunt v. Blackburn*, 128 U.S. 464, 470 (1888) ("[legal] assistance can only be safely and readily availed of when free from the consequences or apprehension of disclosure"); *Coplon v. United States*, 191 F.2d 749, 757 (D.C. Cir. 1951) ("[i]t is well established that an accused does not enjoy the effective aid of counsel if he is denied the right of private consultation with him"); *see also Nordstrom v. Ryan*, 762 F.3d 903, 910 (9th Cir. 2014) ("the right to privately confer with counsel is nearly sacrosanct").

In *Nordstrom*, the Ninth Circuit distinguished between Sixth Amendment claims asserted as grounds for reversing a conviction and Sixth Amendment civil claims brought under § 1983. Where a defendant challenges his conviction following government intrusion into the attorney-client relationship, a court examines "whether the Sixth Amendment violation caused prejudice requiring reversal of the conviction." *Nordstrom*, 762 F.3d at 911; *see United States v. Fernandez*, 388 F.3d 1199, 1240 (9th Cir. 2004) (where defendants appealed their conviction, to show that government intrusion with the attorney-client relationship violated their Sixth Amendment rights, they had to show "that the intrusion was purposeful, that there was communication of defense strategy to the prosecution, or that the intrusion resulted in tainted evidence"). But where, like here, a plaintiff in a civil rights action alleges that government intrusion into the attorney-client relationship constituted a Sixth Amendment violation, the harm "is not that tainted evidence was used against him but that his right to privately confer with counsel has been chilled." *Nordstrom*, 762 F.3d at 911.

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#### IV. Discussion

Plaintiff cites to several cases in which the Ninth Circuit has held that a prisoner's right to communicate with an attorney extends to the attorney's paralegal and even non-attorney professionals retained by the attorney in order to render legal advice. (Doc. 7 at 7, citing, e.g., *United States v. Zegzula*, 42 F.3d 1404 (9th Cir. 1994) (unpublished) ("The attorney-client privilege protects the client's confidential communications with an attorney, or the attorney's agent, for the purpose of securing legal advice."); *United States v. Sanmina Corp.*, 968 F.3d 1107, 1116 (9th Cir. 2020) ("The attorney-client privilege may extend to communications with third parties who have been engaged to assist the attorney in providing legal advice"); *United States v. Rowe*, 96 F.3d 1294, 1297 (9th Cir. 1996) (attorney-client privilege extends to senior attorney's communications with associate attorneys engaged in fact finding); *United States v. Mikhel*, 552 F.3d 961, 964-65 (9th Cir. 2009) ("The inmate's attorney's pre-cleared paralegal(s) and pre-cleared investigators in the regular full-time employment of the attorney may meet with the inmate without the necessity of the inmate's attorney being present.").)

Plaintiff argues that Mr. Chakravorty "serves "precisely this role on behalf of the attorneys of Tully & Weiss," "played an <u>essential</u> role in interpreting computer data for the attorneys," and before Tully & Weiss were retained, Mr. Chakravorty and Plaintiff "spent months discussing, analyzing and theorizing about how this metadata contained in computer files affects Plaintiff's legal case." (Doc. 7 at 8-9 (emphasis in original).)

While Mr. Chakravorty may have provided assistance to Plaintiff in his legal case, Plaintiff has not provided any evidence that Mr. Chakravorty is a paralegal or agent of any kind employed by Plaintiff's attorney(s). In each of the cases cited by Plaintiff, the professionals assisting attorneys were actually agents of those attorneys. There is no evidence that attorney Tully or any other of Plaintiff's attorneys has provided the Warden of USP-Tucson with a signed statement certifying Mr. Chakravorty's ability, that the attorney has pledged to supervise Mr. Chakravorty's activities, or that the attorney accepts personal and professional responsibility for Mr. Chakravorty's activities that may affect

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the institution, prisoners, and staff, as set forth in 28 C.F.R. § 543.16(b)(1)-(3).<sup>4</sup> Nor is there evidence before the Court that Plaintiff has been unable to communicate with his attorneys or their agents who have been cleared by the institution to have confidential communications with Plaintiff.

As such, Plaintiff has failed to meet the first *Winter* factor of likelihood of success on the merits.

Likewise, Plaintiff has failed to establish that he will suffer irreparable harm absent injunctive relief. Plaintiff argues that he "is likely to suffer irreparable harm because, absent injunctive relief, he will be deprived of the most basic constitutional protections under the First and Sixth Amendments." (Doc. 7 at 11 (emphasis in original).) This circular argument fails to support that Plaintiff is at risk of losing a "nonfrivolous" or "arguable" underlying claim as needed to support a First Amendment claim or that his "right to privately confer with counsel has been chilled" as needed to support a Sixth Amendment claim. At best, Plaintiff's risk of injury is speculative, and speculative injury is not irreparable injury sufficient for a preliminary injunction. *Caribbean Marine Servs*. *Co. v. Baldridge*, 844 F.2d 668, 674 (9th Cir. 1988).

Because Plaintiff fails to produce evidence to show a likelihood of success on the merits or that he faces a likelihood of irreparable harm, the Court will deny the Motion for Preliminary Injunction and will not address any of the other *Winter* factors. *See Ctr. for Food Safety v. Vilsack*, 636 F.3d 1166, 1174 (9th Cir. 2011) (because the plaintiffs failed to show they are likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary relief, the court need not address the remaining elements of the preliminary injunction standard). Because the Motion for TRO seeks the same relief as the Motion for Preliminary Injunction, the Court will deny the Motion for TRO as moot.

#### IT IS ORDERED:

(1) Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction (Doc. 7) is **denied**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Plaintiff does not challenge BOP's regulations and policies related to prisoner visitation and telephone privileges.

Plaintiff's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order (Doc. 13) is denied as (2) moot. Dated this 17th day of June, 2022. Honorable Raner C. Collins Senior United States District Judge 

Exhibit J

1 **MGD** 2 3 4 5 6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA 8 9 Keith Raniere, No. CV 22-00212-TUC-RCC 10 Plaintiff, 11 **ORDER** v. 12 Merrick Garland, et al., 13 Defendants. 14 15 Plaintiff Keith Raniere, who is currently confined in the United States Penitentiary 16 (USP)-Tucson and is represented by counsel, filed a civil rights Complaint pursuant to 17 Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics, 403 U.S. 388 (1971) 18 against United States Attorney General Merrick Garland, Bureau of Prisons (BOP) 19 Director Michael Carvajal, USP-Tucson Warden Barbara Von Blanckensee, and 20 Lieutenant Anthony Gallion. 21 Before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order or, 22 Alternatively, for Preliminary Injunctive Relief (Doc. 34). The Court will deny the Motion. 23 I. **Background** 24 In Count One of his First Amended Complaint (Doc. 3), Plaintiff asserts a violation 25 of his First Amendment right of access to the courts based on Defendants' alleged 26 interference with Plaintiff's ability to communicate with his attorneys and their agents. 27 Count Two asserts a First Amendment retaliation claim based on Defendants "imminently

threatening to cut off Plaintiff's telephonic and in-person communication with his

attorneys" the day after his criminal defense attorney filed a Rule 33 motion for new trial. Count Three asserts a violation of Plaintiff's Sixth Amendment rights based on Defendants' alleged deliberate interference to the confidential relationship between Plaintiff and his criminal defense attorney, which "substantially prejudices" Plaintiff by preventing him from helping his attorney prepare for the hearing on the Rule 33 motion and preventing his attorney from providing effective assistance of counsel. Plaintiff seeks declaratory and injunctive relief prohibiting Defendants from impeding him from communicating with his attorneys and their agents either by telephone or in person.

On screening Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a), the Court required Plaintiff to serve Defendants and required Defendants to answer. (Doc. 5.)

### II. Legal Standard

The standards for issuing a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction are the same. White v. Lindermen, No. CV 11-8152-PCT-RCB, 2012 WL 5040850, at \*1 (D. Ariz. 2012). "A preliminary injunction is 'an extraordinary and drastic remedy, one that should not be granted unless the movant, by a clear showing, carries the burden of persuasion." Lopez v. Brewer, 680 F.3d 1068, 1072 (9th Cir. 2012) (quoting Mazurek v. Armstrong, 520 U.S. 968, 972 (1997) (per curiam)); see also Winter v. Natural Res. Def. Council, Inc., 555 U.S. 7, 24 (2008) (citation omitted) ("[a] preliminary injunction is an extraordinary remedy never awarded as of right"). Nonetheless, "federal courts must not shrink from their obligation to enforce the constitutional rights of all persons, including prisoners" and must not "allow constitutional violations to continue simply because a remedy would involve intrusion into the realm of prison administration." Porretti v. Dzurenda, 11 F.4th 1037, 1047 (9th Cir. 2021) (citation omitted).

A plaintiff seeking injunctive relief under Rule 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure must show: (1) he is likely to succeed on the merits; (2) he is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of injunctive relief; (3) the balance of equities tips in his favor; and (4) an injunction is in the public interest. *Winter v. Natural Res. Def. Council, Inc.*, 555 U.S. 7, 20 (2008). When the government opposes a preliminary injunction, "[t]he

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third and fourth factors of the preliminary-injunction test—balance of equities and public interest—merge into one inquiry ." *Porretti*, 11 F.4th at 1047. The "balance of equities" concerns the burdens or hardships to a prisoner complainant compared with the burden on the government defendants if an injunction is ordered. *Id.* The public interest mostly concerns the injunction's impact on nonparties rather than parties. *Id.* (citation omitted). Regardless, "[i]t is always in the public interest to prevent the violation of a party's constitutional rights." *Id.* (citation omitted).

Where a plaintiff seeks a mandatory injunction, rather than a prohibitory injunction, injunctive relief is "subject to a higher standard" and is "permissible when 'extreme or very serious damage will result' that is not 'capable of compensation in damages,' and the merits of the case are not 'doubtful." *Hernandez v. Sessions*, 872 F.3d 976, 999 (9th Cir. 2017) (quoting *Marlyn Nutraceuticals, Inc. v. Mucos Pharma GmbH & Co.*, 571 F.3d 873, 879 (9th Cir. 2009)). Further, under the Prison Litigation Reform Act, injunctive relief must be narrowly drawn and be the least intrusive means necessary to correct the harm. 18 U.S.C. § 3626(a)(2); see Gilmore v. People of the State of Cal., 220 F.3d 987, 999 (9th Cir. 2000).

#### III. Plaintiff's Motion

Plaintiff seeks an order requiring Defendants to move him from the Special Housing Unit (SHU), where he is currently held, back to the general population at USP-Tucson. (Doc. 34.) Plaintiff asserts that on July 26, 2022, he was assaulted by another prisoner, and even though Plaintiff was the victim, he was placed into a disciplinary segregation housing unit, commonly referred to as SHU, where he is allowed, at most, an hour of outside recreation a day, denied most phone communication, and cannot speak with prison command staff on a regular basis. (*Id.* at 3.) On August 23, 2022, a disciplinary hearing officer determined that Plaintiff did not commit a rule violation, and prison officials have acknowledged that Plaintiff was the victim in the July 26 assault, yet "Plaintiff remains sequestered and silenced." (*Id.* at 3-4.) Plaintiff states that the SHU is typically reserved

for those suspected of a violation or those at risk of harm, and he "has never asked to be protected from other prisoners who might intend him harm." (*Id.* at 4.)

Plaintiff contends that his placement in the SHU lacks any penological or security justification and is in retaliation for Plaintiff exercising his First Amendment rights. (*Id.* at 1.) Plaintiff argues that by placing him in the SHU, "Defendants have escalated their efforts to silence him for having publicly filed credible evidence of historical FBI malfeasance in his criminal case." (*Id.* at 2.) Plaintiff also appears to argue that news articles that appeared in September 2022 about Plaintiff's allegations of FBI evidence tampering and "inhumane conditions of confinement" show a "close link in time between Plaintiff's First Amendment activity and the adverse actions of Defendants." (*Id.* at 4–5.) Plaintiff argues that Defendants' efforts to silence him "continue to evolve," and since his latest filing on September 9, 2022, Defendants have assigned Plaintiff a cellmate "who may pose a risk to Plaintiff" because this cellmate (whom Plaintiff says is hermaphroditic and possesses female genitalia) has alleged on at least 75 occasions that she has been the victim of sexual violence by others and so may falsely accuse Plaintiff of sexual misconduct. (*Id.* at 5-6.)

Defendants respond that BOP has facilitated dozens of legal calls and frequent legal visits between Plaintiff and his attorneys, and those legal calls and visits have continued while Plaintiff is housed in the SHU. (Doc. 39 at 4.) Defendants cite to evidence showing that between August 31, 2022 and September 21, 2022, Plaintiff has had legal calls totaling 8.5 hours, and between July 29, 2022 and September 14, 2022, Plaintiff has had 8 legal visits. (*See* Doc. 31-2 at 5-7.) Defendants also present Declaration evidence from USP-Tucson Legal Assistant Lorri Mitchell who states that Plaintiff is also able to send and receive legal correspondence to and from his attorneys and that correspondence is given confidential processing and handling. (Doc. 31-2 at 7 ¶ 15.)

Defendants acknowledge that the incident report for the July 26, 2022 physical altercation was expunged from Plaintiff's record following the investigation of the incident and disciplinary hearing but assert that Plaintiff is currently in SHU "while the Special

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Investigative Service (SIS) Department is investigating safety and security issues pertaining to Plaintiff at USP Tucson." (Doc. 39 at 4.) Defendants state they can provide more information about this investigation to the Court in camera if the Court needs more detailed information. (*Id.* at 4 n.2.)

Defendants state that while he is in the SHU, Plaintiff "has been reviewed periodically by the Segregation Review Official (SRO) as required by policy," and Plaintiff may express concerns about cell assignments, cellmates, and other issues during those periodic reviews. (*Id.* at 4.) Defendants assert that Plaintiff has introduced no evidence that he has expressed concerns about his current housing status or cellmate during any of the SRO reviews or through the Administrative Remedy Program, and there are no safety or security concerns with Plaintiff's current housing assignment, including his current cellmate. (*Id.*)

Plaintiff replies that he has filed grievances about his SHU placement, that he has not expressed fear about returning to general population but has expressed fear about remaining in the SHU with his current cellmate, and he has not received the hearings that policy requires. (Doc. 43 at 2.) Plaintiff argues that "the best way to classify Defendant's behavior here is retaliation shrouded in bureaucracy," that there is no ongoing investigation into safety and security issues pertaining to Plaintiff, and there are no reports or documents indicating that the cause of Plaintiff's SHU placement has changed from the initial investigation into the "fight." (*Id.* at 8-9.) Plaintiff argues that the verifiable facts show, at best, incompetence in keeping track of SHU prisoners, and at worst, "a deliberate policy of dragging out [Plaintiff's] detention in order to interfere with his ability to challenge his conviction." (*Id.* at 9.)

#### IV. Discussion<sup>1</sup>

Plaintiff's Motion fails because he has not alleged any irreparable injury in his Motion. In the section of his Motion discussing irreparable injury, Plaintiff merely cites

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Court will address Plaintiff's Motion as a motion for injunctive relief because the Motion is fully briefed, and Plaintiff has failed to show irreparable injury before the adverse party could be heard in opposition.

the legal standards and states in conclusory fashion that he "is likely to suffer irreparable harm because, absent injunctive relief, he will be deprived of the most basic constitutional protections under the First Amendment." (Doc. 34 at 10.) Plaintiff does not allege any injury in this statement, much less irreparable injury. Plaintiff speculates that he is still in the SHU in some effort to silence him, but Plaintiff has not presented any evidence showing that he has been silenced. Plaintiff also speculates his cellmate in SHU may falsely charge Plaintiff with sexual misconduct based on the cellmate's past behavior, but such speculative injury is not irreparable injury sufficient for a preliminary injunction. Caribbean Marine Servs. Co., Inc. v. Baldrige, 844 F.2d 668, 674 (9th Cir. 1988); see also Winter, 555 U.S. at 22; Soremekun v. Thrifty Payless, Inc., 509 F.3d 978, 984 (9th Cir. 2007) ("Conclusory, speculative testimony in affidavits and moving papers is insufficient to raise genuine issues of fact and defeat summary judgment . . . ."); Nilsson v. City of Mesa, 503 F.3d 947, 952 n.2 (9th Cir. 2007) ("[A] conclusory, self-serving affidavit, lacking detailed facts and any supporting evidence, is insufficient to create a genuine issue of material fact . . . .").

To the extent Plaintiff is alleging that his placement in the SHU affects contact with his legal counsel and his legal work, such allegations implicate Plaintiff's constitutional right of access to the courts, which is protected by the First Amendment right to petition the courts and the Fourteenth Amendment right to substantive due process. *Silva v. Di Vittorio*, 658 F.3d 1090, 1103 (9th Cir. 2011), *overruled on other grounds by Richey v. Dahne*, 807 F.3d 1202, 1209 n.2 (9th Cir. 2015). This right is limited to direct criminal appeals, habeas petitions, and section 1983 civil rights actions. *Lewis v. Casey*, 518 U.S. 343, 354 (1996). The constitutional right of access to the courts encompasses a right to litigate without active interference. *See Silva*, 658 F.3d at 1102. To support an active interference claim, a prisoner must allege facts showing that officials' actions hindered the prisoner's ability to litigate and that, as a result, the prisoner suffered an actual injury. *Id.*; *see Lewis*, 518 U.S. 343, 349 (1996) (to maintain an access-to-the-courts claim, a prisoner must show an "actual injury" resulting from the defendant's actions). Actual injury must

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be "actual prejudice . . . such as the inability to meet a filing deadline or to present a claim." *Lewis*, 518 at 348–49. The failure to allege an actual injury is "fatal." *Alvarez v. Hill*, 518 F.3d 1152, 1155 n.1 (9th Cir. 2008) ("Failure to show that a 'non-frivolous legal claim had been frustrated' is fatal . . . .") (quoting *Lewis*, 518 U.S. at 353 & n.4).

Plaintiff's Motion, as it relates to his access to the courts, fails because Plaintiff has not presented any evidence supporting that his ability to litigate has been hindered by prison officials, and Plaintiff has not alleged an actual injury such as inability to meet a filing deadline or to present a claim. The only evidence Plaintiff presented with his Motion are letters from his attorneys to the USP-Tucson Warden about Plaintiff's confinement in the SHU in which they state, for example, that they "continue to be concerned about how

access. Plaintiff did file a Declaration with his Reply (to which Defendants have not had an opportunity to respond), but Plaintiff does not say anything in that Declaration indicating that his access to the courts has been denied. (*See* Doc. 43-1 at 2–6.)

his confinement poses issues concerning his mental health, physical health and access to

attorneys and the courts, and fair treatment." (Doc. 34-1 at 6.) These letters do not even

say that the attorneys attempted to contact Plaintiff while in the SHU but were denied

Accordingly, the Court will deny Plaintiff's Motion.

**IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order or, Alternatively, for Preliminary Injunctive Relief (Doc. 34) is **DENIED**.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2022.

Honorable Raner C. Collins Senior United States District Judge

## Exhibit K

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Keith Raniere,

No. 22-cv-00212-RCC-PSOT

Plaintiff,

SECOND DECLARATION OF DANIEL FLORES

VS.

Merrick Garland, US Attorney General, et al.,

Defendants.

- I, Daniel Flores, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and based upon my personal knowledge and information made known to me from official records reasonably relied upon by me in the course of my employment, hereby make the following declaration relating to the above-titled matter. All records attached to this declaration are true and accurate copies of Bureau records maintained in the ordinary course of business.
- 1. As a supplement to my prior declaration (Doc. 14-2), to date, Mr. Raniere's attorneys still have not requested that Suneel Chakravorty be granted paralegal privileges, nor have they sponsored him as a paralegal. Therefore, Suneel Chakravorty is not afforded legal visitation, legal call, or legal correspondence privileges with Mr. Raniere.

#### I. LEGAL CALLS

2. Since May 27, 2022, the last date identified in my prior declaration when a legal call was requested/accommodated, I have scheduled and facilitated two legal telephone calls between Mr. Raniere and his attorneys. *See* Att. 1, Legal Call Log I (Redacted) at 2. The below table identifies both legal telephone calls that I have personally scheduled/accommodated since May 27, 2022:

Date	Attorney Names	Approximate Duration
6/1/2021	Joseph P. Daugherty	1 hr.
	Gregory Stoltz	1 hr.

3. Since May 27, 2022, an additional three legal calls have been accommodated by Counselor Ashworth when I was not available. *See* Att. 2, Legal Call Log II (Redacted) at 1-2. As reflected in the below table, since May 27, 2022, Counselor Ashworth has accommodated the following legal calls for Mr. Raniere:

Date	Attorney Name(s) <sup>1</sup>	Approximate Duration
6/7/2022	Joseph P. Daugherty	2 hrs.
6/8/2022	Joseph Tully	2 hrs.
6/10/2022	Joseph P. Daugherty	2 hrs.

#### II. LEGAL VISITS

- 4. Mr. Raniere's attorneys continue to schedule, through me and other substitute Correctional Counselors, frequent legal visits. These visits have been accommodated per the request of the attorney and in line with the schedule of the institution and any institutional security/safety measures (e.g., lockdown, COVID-19 protocols, etc.).
- 5. Since May 19, 2022, Mr. Raniere's legal visits have been accommodated as reflected in the following table, including three that have been requested and scheduled for this week:

Date	Attorney Name(s)	Approximate Duration
5/19/2022	Gregory Stoltz	2.5 hrs.
5/23/2022	Gregory Stoltz	> 1 hr.
5/25/2022	Gregory Stoltz	> 1 hr.
5/31/2022	Gregory Stoltz	> 1 hr.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As with the previous declaration, the attorney names are not specifically identified on Counselor Ashworth's legal call log, but I was able to cross-reference the telephone numbers to identify the attorney.

6/6/2022	Stacy Scheff	1.5 hrs.
6/9/2022 <sup>2</sup>	Gregory Stoltz	2.5 hrs.
6/14/2022	Gregory Stoltz	TBD
6/16/2022	Gregory Stoltz	TBD
6/17/2022	Gregory Stoltz	TBD

6. In addition to these legal calls and legal visits, Mr. Raniere is still able to send and receive legal correspondence at USP Tucson to/from his attorneys that is afforded confidential processing/handling.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On June 6, 2022, in requesting additional legal visits for Gregory Stoltz, Joseph M. Tully informed me via e-mail that he was "working on motions that are due on June 19 – 13 days away. I need to get Mr. Raniere's input on some parts of the motions in order to complete them. I am working closely with Mr. Stoltz – essentially he is my eyes and ears in being able to meet with Mr. Raniere in person to go over pending motions." *See* Att. 3, Tully E-Mail (Redacted) at 1. Mr. Tully requested that I "please accommodate Mr. Stoltz meeting with Mr. Raniere . . . as it is necessary for us finalizing the motion." *Id*.

Pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief. Executed on this 14th day of June 2022, in Tucson, Arizona.

Daniel Flores

Correctional Counselor USP Tucson, Arizona Federal Bureau of Prisons

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## **Enclosures**

Att. 1, Legal Call Log I (Redacted)

Att. 2, Legal Call Log II (Redacted)

Att. 3, Tully E-Mail (Redacted)

# Exhibit K Attachment 1

Date	IM Name/Reg. No.  RANIERE, Reg. No. 57005-177  Attorney Name/Number	Call Duration	Staff
10/04/2021	Joseph P. Daugherty	1.5 hr.	D. Flores CCC
10/07/2021	Joseph Tully	1 hr.	D. Flores CCC
10/11/2021	Joseph Tully	1hr.	D. Flores CCC
10/14/2021	Joseph Tully	1hr.	D. Flores CCC
10/20/2021	Joseph Tully	1hr.	D. Flores CCC
10/27/2021	Joseph Tully	1 hr.	D. Flores CCC
11/01/2021	Joseph Tully	1hr.	D. Flores CCC
11/09/2021	Joseph Tully	1hr.	D. Flores CCC
11/15/2021	Paul DerOhannesian	1hr.	D. Flores CCC
11/16/2021	Joseph Tully	1hr.	D. Flores CCC
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12/08/2021	Joseph Tully	1hr.	D. Flores CCC
12/15/2021	Joseph Tully	1hr.	D. Flores CCC
12/15/2021	Seema Iyer, Esq.	1hr.	D. Flores CCC
12/20/2021	Joseph Tully	1hr.	D. Flores CCC
12/21/2021	Seema Iyer, Esq.	1hr.	D. Flores CCC
02/22/2022	Duncan Levin, Esq.	30 min.	D. Flores CCC
02/23/2022	Joseph Tully	1 hr.	D. Flores CCC

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03/09/2022	John Meringolo	1 hr.	D. Flores CCC
03/29/2022	Joseph Tully	1 hr.	D. Flores CCC
4/25/2022	Gregory Stoltz	1hr.	D. Flores
4/26/2022	John Meringolo	1hr.	D. Flores
	Gregory Stoltz	1hr.	
4/27/2022	Duncan Levin	1hr.	D. Flores
5/04/2022	Joseph Tully	1hr.	D. Flores
5/09/2022	John Meringolo	1 hr.	D. Flores
5/10/2022	Joseph Tully	1 hr.	D. Flores
5/24/2022	Joseph P. Daugherty	1hr.	D. Flores
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	Gregory Stoltz	1hr.	
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# Phone log:

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Neither Mr. Stoliz nor myself ment to overburden you with geedless requests, however, it you or Counselor Ashworth can please accommodate Mr. Stoliz meetine with Mr. It will be greatly appreciated as it is necessary for the limiting the motion. I provide you that these remarks will level off after June 19.	lanierr
Thank you so much	
Very truly yours,	
Joseph M. Tully Joseph M. Tully Tully & Weise Attorneys at Law Certified Specialist, Criminal Law	
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Greg Stoltz On Wed, Jun 1, 2022, 3:28 PM Gregory Stoltz < com> wrote: | I wish I could, but I am in court from 10am on until 3pm on the 6th. WHat's the earliest you could get me in that morning? I have to be physically present with a client at 10am in downtown Tucson Greg Stoltz, Esq. 530 S. Main Ave. Ste B Tucson, AZ 85701 On Wed, Jun 1, 2022 at 1:10 PM Flores, Daniel (BOP) < How about Monday June 6th? From: Gregory Stoltz < com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:50 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Visit request for Keith Raniere on 6-7-22 I am so sorry, but I can't push it off, our filing deadline is coming up on the 19th. CAn I do that visit with Counselor Ashworth? Greg Stoltz, Esq. 530 S. Main Ave. Ste B On Wed, Jun 1, 2022 at 12:48 PM Flores, Daniel (BOP) < gov> wrote: Please be advised, I will be on vacation from 6/7 till 6/10, can we schedule your visit the following week? From: Gregory Stoltz < com>
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C: Cook, Clay (BOP) 4 cov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Visit request for Keith Raniere on 6-7-22 <u>ov</u>>; Flores, Daniel (BOP) < May I please schedule a visit with Mr. Raniere on Tuesday June 7th at 11am? Greg Stoltz, Esq. 530 S. Main Ave. Ste B

Exhibit L

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 1 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA 2 3 No. 22-cv-00212-RCC-PSOT Keith Raniere, 4 Plaintiff. DECLARATION OF SCOTTY WATSON 5 VS. 6 7 Merrick Garland, US Attorney General, et al., 8 Defendants. 9 I, Scotty Watson, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and based upon my personal 10 knowledge and information made known to me from official records reasonably relied 11 upon by me in the course of my employment, hereby make the following declaration 12 relating to the above-titled matter. 13 I am a Case Manager for the Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau), assigned 1. 14 to the United States Penitentiary in Tucson, Arizona (USP Tucson). In this role, I address 15 inmate institutional needs on a daily basis. 16 I am familiar with inmate Keith Raniere, Federal Register No. 57005-177. 2. 17 Mr. Raniere is assigned to C1 Unit at USP Tucson and he is one of the inmates on my 18 caseload. 19 As a Case Manager, I assist Correctional Counselor Flores with scheduling 20 and conducting legal telephone calls when he is out of the office. 21 On May 6, 2022, I facilitated a legal call between Mr. Raniere and Joseph 5. 22 P. Daugherty because Mr. Flores was out of the office. During the legal call, the connection was lost. I called Mr. Daugherty back and he and Mr. Raniere resumed their 23 call until it concluded. I am not aware of any other times that a legal call has become 24 25 disconnected between Mr. Raniere and one of his attorneys. When a legal call is 26 disconnected, I simply call the attorney again and re-establish the connection.

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Pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief. Executed on this 23rd day of May 2022, in Tucson, Arizona. Scotty Watson Case Manager USP Tucson, Arizona Federal Bureau of Prisons 

# Exhibit M

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Keith Raniere,

No. CV 22-00212-TUC-RCC

Plaintiff,

DECLARATION OF JEREMY ULRICH

vs.

Merrick Garland, US Attorney General, et al.,

Defendants.

I, Jeremy Ulrich, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and based upon my personal knowledge and information made known to me from official records reasonably relied upon by me in the course of my employment, hereby make the following declaration relating to the above-titled matter.

- 1. I am a Lieutenant with the Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) at the Federal Correctional Complex in Tucson, Arizona (FCC Tucson). I have held this position since April 2015. I have been employed by the Bureau, in positions of increasing responsibility since December 2007. Since June 2022, I have served as the Acting Special Investigative Agent at FCC Tucson. In the past, I have served as the Acting Deputy Captain and Acting Complex Captain at FCC Tucson for intermittent periods as assigned.
- 2. FCC Tucson includes a high-security United States Penitentiary (USP Tucson), a medium security Federal Correctional Institution, and a minimum security Federal Prison Camp.
- 3. As the Acting Special Investigative Agent, I oversee the Special Investigative Services Department at USP Tucson. I also investigate inmate misconduct and other matters related to the safety and security of the institution and inmates housed therein. I address inmate institutional needs on a daily basis.
- 4. As part of my official duties, I have access to records maintained by the Bureau in the ordinary course of business, including administrative remedy requests of

federal inmates, information maintained in the SENTRY<sup>1</sup> database, inmate administrative tort claim records, and inmate central files. All records attached to this declaration are true and accurate copies of Bureau records maintained in the ordinary course of business.

### I. SPECIAL HOUSING UNIT POLICIES

- 5. There are two different types of statuses in the SHU: (1) administrative detention status and (2) disciplinary segregation.
- 6. The Bureau may place an inmate in administrative detention status in order to remove the inmate from general population because the inmate's "presence in the general population poses a threat to life, property, self, staff, other inmates, the publis, or to the security or orderly running of the institution" and the inmate is "under investigation or awaiting a hearing for possibly violating a Bureau regulation or criminal law[.]" *See* 28 C.F.R. § 541.23(c)(1). Bureau officials determine whether an inmate is placed in the Special Housing Unit on administrative detention status, not an inmate.
- 7. Administrative detention is a non-punitive status which removes the inmate from the general population when necessary to ensure the safety, security, and orderly operation of correctional facilities, or to protect the public. See 28 C.F.R. § 541.22(a). An inmate may be placed in administrative detention status for investigation into or awaiting a hearing "for possibly violating a Bureau regulation or criminal law." See 28 C.F.R. § 541.23(c)(1).
- 8. An inmate is placed on disciplinary segregation status "as a disciplinary sanction." See 28 C.F.R. § 541.24. In disciplinary segregation status, an inmate's "personal property will be impounded, with the exception of limited reading/writing materials, and religious articles. Also, [an inmate's] commissary privileges may be limited." See 28 C.F.R. § 541.31(h)(1). An inmate may be released from disciplinary segregation status "after satisfying the sanction imposed by the DHO. The [Segregation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SENTRY is the Bureau's national database which tracks various data regarding an inmate's confinement, including, but not limited to, an inmate's institutional history, sentencing information, participation in programs, administrative remedies, and discipline history.

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Review Officer] may release [the inmate] earlier if it is determined [that he] no longer requires disciplinary segregation status." See 28 C.F.R. 541.33(b).

- 9. Regardless of the status of the inmate in the SHU, standardized conditions of confinement are afforded each inmate in the SHU. See 28 C.F.R. § 541.31(a)-(o) ("Your living conditions in the SHU will meet or exceed standards for healthy and humane treatment."). Likewise, "You will receive personal items necessary to maintain an acceptable level of personal hygiene, for example, toilet issue, soap, toothbrush and cleanser, shaving utensils, etc. You will ordinarily have an opportunity to shower and shave at least three times per week." 28 C.F.R. § 541.31(f). Federal regulations outline the specific conditions of confinement in the following categories: (a) Environment; (b) Cell Occupancy; (c) Clothing; (d) Bedding; (e) Food; (f) Personal Hygiene; (g) Exercise; (h) Personal Property; (i) Correspondence; (j) Telephone; (k) Visiting; (l) Legal Activities; (m) Staff Monitoring; (n) Programming Activities; and (o) Administrative Remedy Program. Id. Medical and mental health care are mandated as well. See 28 C.F.R. § 541.32(a)-(b) ("After every 30 calendar days of continuous placement in . . . administrative detention . . . status, mental health staff will examine you, including a personal interview. Emergency mental health care is always available.").
- 10. An inmate's placement in the SHU will be reviewed periodically by the Segregation Review Official (SRO). See 28 C.F.R. § 541.26. "Within three work days of your placement in administrative detention status, not counting the day you were admitted, weekends, and holidays, the SRO will review the supporting records." 28 C.F.R. § 541.26(a). There is also a formal review within "seven continuous calendar days of your placement in . . . administrative detention . . . status . . . at a hearing you can attend." 28 C.F.R. § 541.26(b). "After every 30 calendar days of continuous placement in . . . administrative detention . . . status, the SRO will formally review your status at a hearing you can attend." 28 C.F.R. § 541.26(c). "You can submit a formal grievance challenging your placement in the SHU through the Administrative Remedy Program[.]" 28 C.F.R. § 541.26(d).
  - 11. "An Inmate Request to Staff Member (form BP-S148), commonly called a

Cop-Out, is used to make a written request to a staff member. Any type of request can be made with this form[,]" to include if an inmate believes that his Unit Team is not providing him with administrative remedy forms or is not properly processing administrative remedy forms. These requests or "cop-outs" can be made to any staff member, including Associate Wardens and the Warden. An inmate may file an inmate request to staff (cop-out), informal grievance (BP-8), or formal grievance (BP-9, BP-10, or BP-11) while in general population or while housed in the SHU. See 28 C.F.R. § 541.31(o) ("You can submit a formal grievance challenging any aspect of your confinement in the SHU through the Administrative Remedy Program[.]").

- 12. Inmates in the SHU are monitored "by staff assigned to the SHU, including program and unit team staff." See 28 C.F.R. § 541.31(m). "Program staff, including unit staff, arrange to visit inmates in a SHU within a reasonable time after receiving the inmate's request. In addition to direct supervision by the unit officer, qualified health personnel and one or more responsible officers the Warden designates (ordinarily the Institution Duty Officer) visit each segregated inmate daily, including weekends and holidays. A Lieutenant must visit the SHU during each shift to ensure all procedures are followed." See Program Statement 5270.11, Special Housing Units at 14.2
- 13. "Either the Unit Manager, or a Case Manager/[Correctional] Counselor under his/her supervision, must make at least daily visits, during his/her scheduled hours of work, to inmates housed in the . . . [SHU]. The Unit Manager must visit at least weekly. However, if there are no inmates housed in SHU under the supervision of a particular Unit Manager, then Unit Team rounds are not required." *See* Program Statement 5321.08, *Unit Management Manual* at 4.3 "In instances of leave or other absences, it is appropriate for staff from another unit team to cover [SHU] rounds[.]" *Id*.
  - 14. If an inmate has an issue that he wants to bring to the attention of staff, he

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Available at <a href="https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5270.11.pdf">https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5270.11.pdf</a> (last visited on Oct. 7, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Available at <a href="https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5321.08.pdf">https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5321.08.pdf</a> (last visited on Oct. 7, 2022).

can do so via a written request (cop-out) at any time, as detailed above, or during these in-person rounds with multiple Unit Team, and other, staff.

### II. RELEVANT FACTS

- 15. I am familiar with inmate Keith Raniere, Federal Register No. 57005-177. He has been incarcerated at USP Tucson since January 21, 2021. *See* Att. 1, SENTRY Inmate History Quarters at 1 ("TCP" is the facility code for USP Tucson).
- 16. On July 26, 2022, inmate Raniere was involved in a physical altercation with another inmate in Food Service and was issued an incident report for Code 201, fighting with another person. *See* Att. 2, Incident Report No. 3655238 at 1. When two inmates are involved in a physical altercation, each inmate is written an incident report that will be investigated to determine whether the charged misconduct was committed by each inmate. The Discipline Hearing Officer makes the final decision whether to uphold or expunge an incident report, following investigation and a disciplinary hearing.
- 17. On August 15, 2022, Incident Report No. 3655238 was expunged following a disciplinary hearing. *See* Att. 3, Expunged Incident Report No. 3655238 at 1.
- 18. As a result of receiving Incident Report No. 3655238 and to further investigate the matter, since that time, inmate Raniere has been housed in the Special Housing Unit (SHU) on administrative detention status. See Att. 1 at 1 ("Z01-118L AD" is the annotation for the SHU and administrative detention status); see also Att. 4, Administrative Detention Order at 1.
- 19. While inmate Raniere has been housed in the SHU at USP Tucson, he has undergone various reviews by the SRO. See Att. 5, SRO Reviews at 1-6. Inmate Raniere received an initial three-day review by the SRO on July 29, 2022, and inmate Raniere received successive reviews thereafter throughout August, September, and into October 2022. Id. Inmate Raniere can express concerns about cell assignments, cellmates, and other issues during these periodic reviews. There are no safety or security concerns with inmate Raniere's current housing assignment, including his current cellmate.
- 20. The SIS Department is investigating safety and security issues pertaining to inmate Raniere at USP Tucson.

Pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief. Executed on this 12th day of October 2022, in Tucson, Arizona. Jeremy Ulrich Acting Special Investigative Agent FCC Tucson, Arizona Federal Bureau of Prisons Enclosures Att. 1, SENTRY Inmate History - Quarters Att. 2, Incident Report No. 3655238 Att. 3, Expunged Incident Report No. 3655238 Att. 4, Administrative Detention Order Att. 5, SRO Reviews 

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TCP	F02-108U		F/RANGE						03-24-2022	
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TCP	Z02-121LAD	HOUSE	Z/RANGE	02/BED	121L	AD	07-22-2021	1404	07-29-2021	1911
TCP	Z01-101LAD	HOUSE	Z/RANGE	01/BED	101L	AD	07-22-2021	1215	07-22-2021	1404
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BRO	Z03-125LAD	HOUSE	Z/RANGE	03/BED	125L	AD	10-27-2020	1833	11-16-2020	1131
BRO	Z03-131LAD	HOUSE	Z/RANGE	03/BED	131L	AD	10-27-2020	1827	10-27-2020	1833
BRO	Z03-106UAD	HOUSE	Z/RANGE	03/BED	106U	AD	10-26-2020	1507	10-27-2020	0839
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11. Description Of Incident

# **INCIDENT REPORT**

Dept. of Justice / Federal Bureau of Prisons

	Institution: TUCSON USP		Incident Report Number:	3655238
2.	Inmate's Name RANIERE, KEITH	3. Register Number 57005-177	4. Date of Incident <b>07-26-2022</b>	5. Time
	Place of Incident Food Service Dining Room Incident	7. Assignment PUNASSGN	8. Unit UNIT C	0651 hrs
	201 FIGHTING WITH ANOTHER PERS	SON.	10. Prohibited Act Code (	(s)

I Food Service D. John was standing mainline in the dining hall. When Inmate RANIERE, KEITH, #57005-177 was walking to the table with his tray when he was assaulted by Inmate with closed fist upon the head and facial region. I gave verbal directive for Inmate to stop before radioing for assistance.

	Typed Name/Signature of Reporting Employee <b>D John</b>		1	Date And Time
14.	Incident Report Delivered to Above Inmate By (Type Name/Signature)	15. Date Delive	Report	16. Time Report Delivered

The Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) of 1998 authorized Federal Agencies the use of electronic forms, electronic filing, and electronic signatures to conduct office business.

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## DISCIPLINE HEARING OFFICER REPORT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	E EXPUNGED	FEDERAL BUREAU PRISONS
Institution: USP Tucson	Incident Repor	rt number: 3655238
NAME OF INMATE: RANIERE, KEITH	REG. NO.: 5700	05-177 UNIT: C
Date of Incident Report: 07-26-202	22 Offense Code:	201
Date of Incident: 07-26-2022		
Summary of Charges: CODE 201- Figh	nting with another person.	
I. NOTICE OF CHARGE(S): 07-26-		
II. STAFF REPRESENTATIVE: None		
III. PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE: N	None	
IV. FINDINGS OF THE DHO A. The act was comm B. The following ac	witted as charged. $\overline{Expunge}$	. No prohibited act was committed: according to Inmate Discipline PS.
V. SPECIFIC EVIDENCE RELIED ON written documents, etc.):	-	
		CE SUPPORTS INMATE DID NOT FIGHT BACK.  The respective sanctions for that act):
VII. REASON FOR EACH SANCTION OR	ACTION TAKEN: Not applicab	le
action and reasons for the action.	. The inmate has been advi	indings, specific evidence relied on sed of the right to appeal this action edure. A copy of this report has been
	Signature	Date
A. Estrada	A.S	8-15-202
DHO report delivered to Inmate by:	8/22/22	

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# Exhibit M Attachment 4

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION ORDER**

# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

				TUCSON	USP
				Institut	ion
TO: 0::::/:://			Date/Time:	07-26-2022 07:27	
TO: Special Housing Unit Officer					
FROM: LT. PIERCE, LIEUTENA	INT to	, (Name/Title)			
SUBJECT: Placement of	KANIERE, KEITH	, Reg. No	57005-177	, in Administrative Detent	tion
(a) Is pending an inve	stigation for a violation of Burea	u regulations;			ısı
(b) Is pending an SIS	investigation.				
(c) Is pending investig	gation or trial for a criminal act;				a.,
(d) Is to be admitted	lo Administrative Detention				
(1) Since	the inmate has requested adm	ission for protection;			
I hereby request place	ementin Administrative Detentio	on for my own protection.			
	Inmate Signature/Regis	ter No.:			
	Staff Witness Printed N	lame Signature:			
	necessary information will be for significant for its in holdover status duri		learing by the SRO.		
(f) Is pending clas	sification; or				
(g) Is terminating of designee.	confinement in Disciplinary Seg	regation and has been order	ed into Administrative	Detention by the Warde	n's
is this Correctional Supervisor				•	ence in the genera
PENDING INVESTIGATION FO	OR A VIOLATION OF BUREA	U REGULATIONS			ing despt
Therefore, the above named inma	•		ce. The inmate recei	ved a copy of this Order o	on ·
(date / time)	•			···	7/-1/22
StaffWitness Signature/Printed N Supervisor 24 hour review of pla					1126166
In the case of DHO action, refer	-				and decision, which
documented here. ecord Copy - Inmate Concerned Administrative Detention Unit; Co			opy - Captain; Copy	- Unit Manager; Copy -	Operation Supervise
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# Exhibit M Attachment 5

### BP-A295.052 APRIL 1994

### SPECIAL HOUSING UNIT REVIEW

# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

Inmate Name:			Register Numb	per:	Unit:			Institution:		
RANIERE, KEITH			57005-177 4 GP				TUCSON USP			
Date Entered Special Housing:			Reason for Placement:							
07-26-2022			PENDING SIS INVESTIGATION							
I. Subject: (2 or 3 Days)			Date Reviewed							
3 Day Review			07-29-2022							
	the Above Date:									
	Special Housing Unit									
Printed Name/S DELEON, AI										
II. RECORD R		ing after t	the in-person 7	7 day review, and	i contin	uing every v	veek betwee	en each in-person 30 day		
DATE	ACTION TAKEN	_	REMARKS				SIGNATURE			
08-02-2022	Continue in Special Housing Unit						DELEON,			
08-09-2022	Continue in Special Housing Ur	nit					DELEON,			
08-16-2022	Continue in Special Housing Ur	nit	21 DAY REVIEW				FALCONER,			
08-23-2022	Continue in Special Housing Ur	nit					KEHL,			
III. Subject: (7	or 30 Days)	Review I	By (SRO):			Reviewing	Authority:	101		
30 Day Revi	ew	KEHL,				Fr Ke	Ш_	/fe hen		
Date inmate ap	peared for a Special Housing Review:			Or Date inmate 08-25-2022	waived	I right to app	ear:	<i>,</i>		
Has been seen	daily by Medical Staff:	No								
Has been seen	daily by responsible officer designated I	by Warde	n: 🗹 Ye	s; LNo						
Has received p	rescribed weekly exercise:		0							
Proper docume if no, why not?	ntation and justification in the Central Fi	le (Incide	nt Report, DH	O Report, copies	of Spe	cial Housing	Review For	rm): Yes; No		
Is there a writte	n psychiatric or psychological assessme	ent on the	inmate who h	as spent 30 days	s in a sc	ecial housi	ng status?	Yes: No		
	tional assessment for every one month				No					
Action taken on	the above date by the Segregation Rev	iew Offici	al or the Revie	ewing Authority:						
Released t	rom Special Housing; Continue i	n Special	Housing							
	dministrative Detention receive a written Should be given provided institutional se				r the fin	iding at eac	n 30 day rev	iew? Yes; N		
Remarks: (Any form):	change in the reason for placement is to	be noted	in this section	n. If the reason fo	or place	ment chang	es, the inma	ate must receive a copy of t		
Date of Next Re	eview:									
09-01-2022										
Drintad Nama a	nd Signature of Segregation Review Off	ficial or th	o Poviovina A	Authority and Dat	a Siana	d:				

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# SPECIAL HOUSING UNIT REVIEW U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APRIL 1994						FED	ERAL BI	UREAU OF PRISONS		
Inmate Name:	<u> </u>		Register Number: Unit:			Institution:				
RANIERE, KEITH			57005-177		4 GP			TUCSON USP		
Date Entered Special Housing:			Reason for Placement:							
07-26-2022		PENDING SIS INVESTIGATION								
I. Subject: (2 or 3 Days)			Date Reviewed							
3 Day Review			07-29-2022							
Action Taken or	n the Above Date:									
Continue in	Special Housing Unit									
Printed Name/S	Signature:									
DELEON,										
II. RECORD R (To be done review.)	EVIEW. weekly in the inmate's absence, beginn	ing after	the in-person ?	7 day review, an	d contin	uing every	week betwee	n each in-person 30 day		
DATE	ACTION TAKEN	REMARKS				SIGNATURE				
09-01-2022	Continue in Special Housing Unit					KEHL,				
09-08-2022	Continue in Special Housing Unit					DELEON,				
09-15-2022	Continue in Special Housing Unit						DELEON,			
09-22-2022	Continue in Special Housing U					DELEON,				
			By (SRO): Reviewin			g Authority:				
60 Day Revi	ew	DELE	ON,							
Date inmate ap	peared for a Special Housing Review:			Or Date inmat 09-26-2022		right to ap	pear:			
	daily by Medical Staff:	No	en: Ye							
Has been seen	daily by responsible officer designated	by Warde	en: L¥_IYe	s; L_No			-			
Has received p	rescribed weekly exercise: Yes	;N	lo							
Proper docume if no, why not?	ntation and justification in the Central F	ile (Incide	nt Report, DH	O Report, copie	s of Spe	cial Housin	g Review For	rm): Yes; No		
Is there a writte	n psychiatric or psychological assessme	ent on the	inmate who h	as spent 30 day	ys in a sp	pecial hous	ing status?	Yes; No		
Is there an add	itional assessment for every one month	interval th		Yes;	] <sub>No</sub>					
Action taken on	the above date by the Segregation Rev	view Offic	ial or the Revi	ewing Authority:						
Released (	from Special Housing; Continue	in Specia	I Housing							
Did inmate in A	dministrative Detention receive a writter	conv of	etaffe decision	and the bacie f	or the fir	nding at ear	h 30 day ray	iow? Ves: No		
	Should be given provided institutional se				or the in	iding at eac	in 50 day 16v	160, <u> </u>		
Remarks: (Any form):	change in the reason for placement is to	o be note	d in this sectio	n. If the reason	for place	ement chan	ges, the inma	ate must receive a copy of this		
Date of Next Re	eview:									
10-03-2022										
Drinted Name a	nd Signature of Segregation Pavious Of	ficial or th	o Doviouico A	Luthority and Da	to Signa	nd:				

DELEON,

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### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SPECIAL HOUSING UNIT REVIEW BP-A295.052 **APRIL 1994** FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS Inmate Name: Register Number: Unit: Institution: **TUCSON USP** 4 GP RANIERE, KEITH 57005-177 Reason for Placement: Date Entered Special Housing: 07-26-2022 PENDING SIS INVESTIGATION Date Reviewed 1. Subject: (2 or 3 Days) 07-29-2022 3 Day Review Action Taken on the Above Date: Continue in Special Housing Unit Printed Name/Signature DELEON, II. RECORD REVIEW. (To be done weekly in the inmate's absence, beginning after the in-person 7 day review, and continuing every week between each in-person 30 day review.) SIGNATURE ACTION TAKEN REMARKS DATE DELEON 10-03-2022 Continue in Special Housing Unit Review By (SRO): Reviewing Authority: III. Subject: (7 or 30 Days) Or Date inmate waived right to appear: Date inmate appeared for a Special Housing Review: Has been seen daily by Medical Staff: Has been seen daily by responsible officer designated by Warden: Has received prescribed weekly exercise: Proper documentation and justification in the Central File (Incident Report, DHO Report, copies of Special Housing Review Form): if no, why not? Is there a written psychiatric or psychological assessment on the inmate who has spent 30 days in a special housing status? Yes: Is there an additional assessment for every one month interval thereafter? if no, why not? Action taken on the above date by the Segregation Review Official or the Reviewing Authority: Released from Special Housing; Continue in Special Housing Did inmate in Administrative Detention receive a written copy of staffs decision and the basis for the finding at each 30 day review? if no, why not (Should be given provided institutional security not compromised)? Remarks: (Any change in the reason for placement is to be noted in this section. If the reason for placement changes, the inmate must receive a copy of this Date of Next Review: 10-10-2022

Printed Name and Signature of Segregation Review Official or the Reviewing Authority and Date Signed:

DELEON,

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